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SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF 24 (C-24) ADOPTS CONCLUSIONS ON
MILITARY BASES IN BERMUDA

REF: A) USUN 2288, B)USUN 1931

1. ON JUNE 12 THE C-24 SUB-COMMITTEE ON SMALL TERRITORIES CONCLUDED ITS CONSIDERATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS ON BERMUDA BY ADOPTING BY CONSENSUS THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE CONCERNING MILITARY BASES THERE: "THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE, RECALLING RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONCERNING MILITARY BASES, RECOGNIZES THAT THE PRESENCE OF MILITARY BASES COULD CONSTITUTE A FACTOR IN IMPEDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES AND REAFFIRMS ITS CONVICTION THAT THE PRESENCE OF FOREIGN MILITARY BASES IN BERMUDA SHOULD NOT PREVENT THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY FROM EXERCISING THEIR RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DECLARATION AND THE PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES OF THE CHARTER."

2. AS REPORTED IN REF A, ADOPTION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS ON BERMUDA WAS DELAYED DUE TO CZECH, BULGARIAN AND IRAQI EFFORTS TO AMEND THE DRAFT LANGUAGE TO INCLUDE PEJORATIVE REFERENCES TO THE MILITARY BASES. THEY CONTINUED THEIR EFFORTS AT MEETINGS ON JUNE 7 AND 9.

3. DURING THE THREE SESSIONS CONSIDERING THE BERMUDA ITEM, THOSE MEMBERS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE WHO HAD BEEN HELPFUL ON THE TURKS AND CAICOS ITEM ALSO SUPPORTED MODERATE LANGUAGE ON MILITARY BASES IN BERMUDA. THE CONFIDENTIAL

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RAPPORTEUR, MORRIS (AUSTRALIA), FIRMLY SUPPORTED THE ORIGINAL DRAFT LANGUAGE ON RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS, AS DID SWEDISH MISOFF (AHLANDER) AND FIJI (LAL). INDONESIA (LOEIS) MADE A HELPFUL STATEMENT AS DID IRAN (PISHVA) AND CHILE (MONSALVE). THE CHAIRMAN KOUAME (IVORY COAST) ALSO FAVORED MODERATE LANGUAGE. AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO SERVED AS BASIS FOR FINAL "COMPROMISE."

4. CONCERNING THE "RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS" REFERRED TO IN THE ADOPTED PARAGRAPH, THE CZECH REPRESENTATIVE (PENAZKA) REMINDED THE COMMITTEE THAT GA RES 2621 (5) (XXV) DECLARES THAT MEMBER STATES "SHALL CARRY OUT A SUSTAINED AND VIGOROUS CAMPAIGN AGAINST ALL MILITARY ACTIVITIES AND ARRANGEMENTS BY ADMINISTRATING POWERS IN TERRITORIES UNDER THEIR ADMINISTRATION". LEONARD

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